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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In Response to the Office Action of January 5, 2005, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. It is not believed that any fees are due with the filing of this Amendment. If any such fees are due, the Office is authorized to charge deposit account no. 22-0261.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.